GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Fisheries Department – General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Dept - Irregularities in distribution of Compensation fund of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC) to the fishermen in K. Gangavaram Mandal, East Godavari District – Departmental action against the officials of Fisheries Department under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Examined – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy.&Vig.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.218 **dated: 16.12.2020**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secy., to Govt.,(FAC), G.A.(V&E) Dept., Appraisal Report No.08 (C.No.63/V&E/D2/2016), Dt.13.02.2017.
2. Govt.Memo.No.762/Dy.& Vig (2)/2017, dated 19.04.2017.
3. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.1773/A.2/2017, Dt.22.05.2019.
4. Govt.Memo.No.762/Dy.& Vig.(2)/2017, dated: 03.07.2020.
5. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.1773/A.2/2017, Dt.18.09.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (Vig. & Enft.) Dept., has reported that they have conducted an inquiry on the irregularities in distribution of compensation fund of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC) to the fishermen in East Godavari District and among others, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) has recommended that the suitable action may be taken against the following Fisheries Department officials, for their lapses in preparation of beneficiaries lists, double/excess payments and late remittances:-

1. Sri V. Ramana Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, K. Ganagavaram Mandal, East Godavari District, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2. Sri G. Gopi, Assistant Inspector of Fisheries, K. Gangavaram Mandal, East Godavari District.

2. In the reference 2nd read above**,** the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, was requested to take necessary action on the recommendations made by the General Administration (Vig. & Enft.) Dept., immediately, and send action taken report to Government, for taking further action in the matter.

3. In the references 3rd and 5th read above, the Commissioner of Fisheries, has informed that the departmental action has been initiated duly framing the Article of Charges against the (2) two officials, viz., Sri V. Ramana Rao, Fisheries Development Officer and Sri G. Gopi, Asst. Inspector of Fisheries of East Godavari District. As the explanations were not convincing, the Principal/Addl. Director of Fisheries, SIFT., Kakinada was appointed as an Enquiry Officer, under sub-rule(2) of Rule 20 of CCA rules to enquire into the charges framed against both the charged officers. The Enquiry Officer has conducted enquiry and submitted Enquiry Report.

4. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, has concluded on the findings of enquiry, that there is no misappropriation of Government funds by the said Departmental Officers as the entire excess amount (dual payment) of Rs.1,89,000/- has been remitted back by the beneficiaries and it was occurred due to technical problem at the Bank/ Collectorate officials, during made the payments to the beneficiaries. Therefore, the Commissioner of Fisheries, has requested the Government, to issue necessary orders in the matter.

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5. After careful examination of the matter and considering the report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, Government have decided to drop further action against the charged officers viz., Sri V. Ramana Rao, Fisheries Development Officer and Sri G. Gopi, Assistant Inspector of Fisheries, since the beneficiaries had remitted the excess amount (dual payment) of Rs.1,89,000/- to the bank account of District Collector and there is no misappropriation of Government funds.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against the charged officers, viz., Sri V. Ramana Rao, Fisheries Development Officer and Sri G. Gopi, Assistant Inspector of Fisheries of East Godavari District.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The individuals through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER